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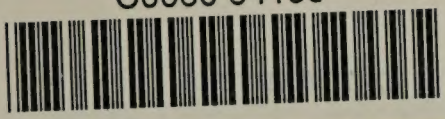

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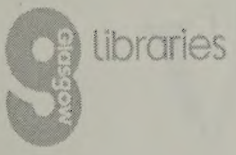

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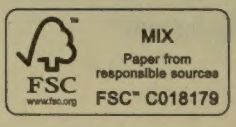

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Introduction to Miss Cackle's Academy

Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches looks more like a prison than a school, with its gloomy grey walls and turrets. Everything about it is dark and shadowy. Even the girls themselves are dressed in black gymslips, black stockings, black hob-nailed boots and grey shirts!

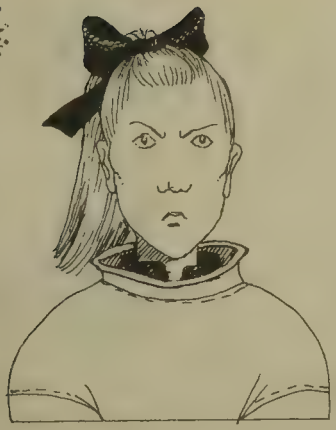
Turn over to meet Mildred Hubble and her friends.

The Pupils

Fun-loving
Enid
Nightshade

Disaster-prone
Mildred
Hubble
(positively the worst
witch at Miss Cackle's
Academy)

Best friend
Maud
Spellbody



Snooty know-it-all

Ethel Hallow

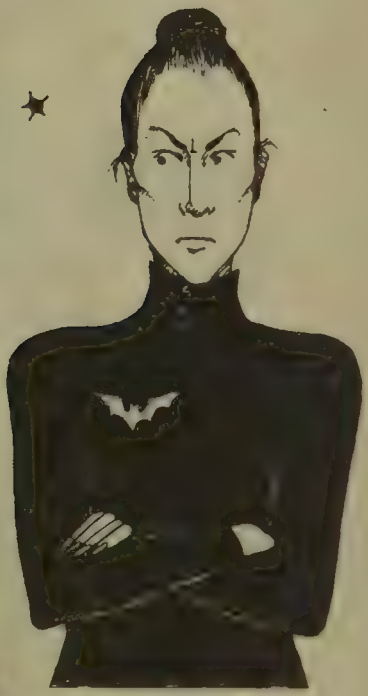
(Mildred's arch-enemy)

Ethel's sidekick

Drusilla Paddock

The Teachers

Miss Cackle
the kindly headmistress



Miss Hardbroom
the most terrifying form mistress in the school

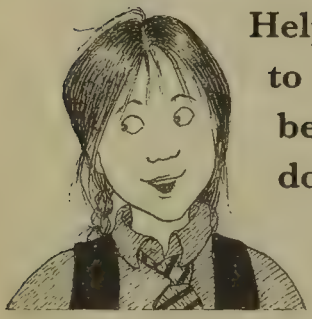
Miss Bat
the chanting mistress

Miss Drill
the gym mistress

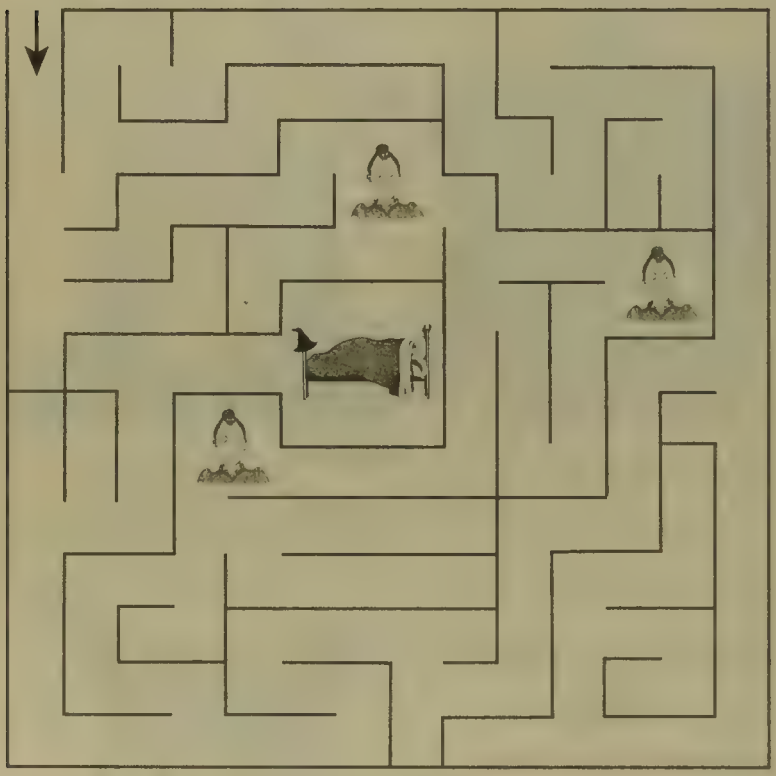
Miss Mould
the art mistress

Last but not least,
Tabby
Mildred's hopeless cat

Lost!



Help Mildred to find her way to her dormitory before bedtime (but take care – she doesn't want to bump into Miss Hardbroom!).



Fancy Dress

It's non-uniform day at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches.

JILL MURPHY SAYS...

'Mildred is especially fond of pink. Use your brightest crayons to colour in her unusual outfit!'

Magic!

Mildred can hardly believe her eyes!
Is this one candlestick or two faces?
What do you think?

Lost Uniform!

Oh dear, Mildred seems to have mislaid all of her winter uniform. She's found her tie, but can you help her to find the rest of the items? The words can be found in all directions, including diagonally.

BOOTLACES	BOOTS	CLOAK	DRESS
GYMSLIP	HAT	ROBE	SASH
SHIRT	SOCKS	STOCKINGS	TIE

S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	S	H
P	H	A	T	N	E	R	M	S	B
E	I	S	K	C	O	S	A	G	O
Y	B	L	H	A	R	S	R	F	O
T	T	O	S	W	R	O	N	E	T
G	R	D	R	M	T	T	K	T	L
R	N	N	R	I	Y	R	A	E	A
O	A	U	E	E	N	G	O	R	C
S	T	O	O	B	S	H	L	M	E
T	R	I	H	S	N	S	C	A	S

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Who's who at Miss Cackle's Academy

1 **Which character is tall and thin with long plaits?**

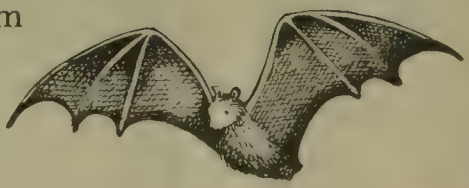
a Maud Spellbody
b Miss Cackle
c Ethel Hallow
d Mildred Hubble

2 **Which character is small, has glasses and wears her hair in bunches?**

a Enid Nightshade
b Maud Spellbody
c Drusilla Paddock
d Miss Drill

3 **Who is the gym mistress?**

a Miss Drill
b Miss Bat
c Miss Hardbroom
d Miss Mould



4 **What is the name of Miss Cackle's wicked sister?**

a Angela
b Agatha
c Artemesia
d Angora

5 **What is the name of the Chief Magician?**

a Mr Helstone
b Mr Helford
c Mr Hellimore
d Mr Hellebore

6 **What is the name of Ethel Hallow's little sister?**

a Salamanda
b Sadie
c Sybil
d Susan

7 **What is the name of Mildred's tortoise?**

a Cyril
b Einstein
c Archimedes
d Plato

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Mixed-up Names

Can you help Mildred to unscramble these names by putting the letters in the right order?

INED _ _ _ _

UDAM _ _ _ _

HELTE _ _ _ _ _

BAYBT _ _ _ _ _

IDLEDMR _ _ _ _ _ _ _

ISDULLAR _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

SICKCAMELS (clue: two words)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

MORBIDORSMASH (clue: two words)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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Invisible Writing

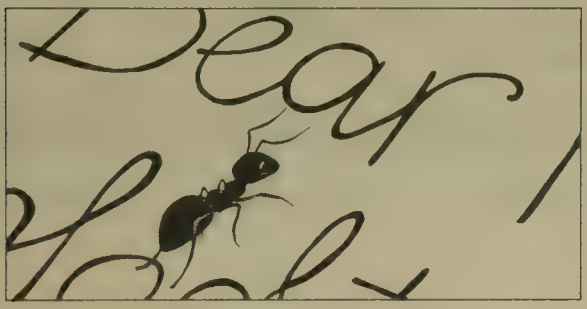
You will need:

- ★ White paper
- ★ White wax crayon or a white candle
- ★ Water paint – any colour will do
- ★ Paint brush
- ★ Water

1. First write your secret message on the paper using the white crayon or candle.

2. To make the message appear, mix a little paint with water and brush over your paper.

And hey presto – all is revealed!



Spot the Difference

Everyone in the class has made a laughing potion – except for Mildred and Maud, whose spells have gone wrong!

Can you spot **eight differences**
between these two pictures?
Draw a circle round the changes.

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Miss Cackle's Macaroons

Headmistress Miss Cackle loves biscuits, especially macaroons, with her morning (and afternoon!) cup of tea. They are so delicious! Why not try making Miss Tapioca's easy recipe?

You will need:

★ A large mixing bowl and a wooden spoon

★ A baking tray lined with baking paper

★ 2 eggs

★ 175g ground almonds

★ 175g caster sugar

Ask a grown-up to help you, especially when using the oven.

★ Turn the oven on to Gas Mark 4, 180°C/350°F

1. Line a baking tray with baking paper.

2. Separate the egg whites from the yolks. (Messy job!)

3. Put the whites into a mixing bowl and save the yolks in a small pot in the fridge. (You won't need them for this recipe.)

4. Add the ground almonds and sugar to the egg whites and fold in gently with a metal spoon until everything is mixed together.

5. Roll the mixture into little balls and put them on the baking sheet (not too close together).

6. Pop the tray into the oven for 12–15 minutes, or until the biscuits look golden.

7. Using oven gloves, take the tray carefully out of the oven. (You may need a grown-up to help with this.)

8. Cool the biscuits on a wire rack.

Eat and enjoy!

Cracking Up!

Mildred is prone to fits of giggles which often lands her in trouble with Miss Hardbroom. Here are some of her favourite jokes:

What do you do if a teacher rolls her eyes at you?

Pick them up and roll them back!

Why was Miss Drill cross-eyed?

Because she couldn't control her pupils.

What do cats like for breakfast?

Mice Crispies!

When is it unlucky to see a black cat?

When you're a mouse!

What did one eye say to the other eye?

Between you and me something smells.

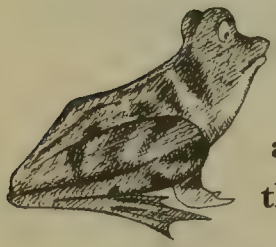
What is small and round and giggles a lot?

A tickled onion!

Where do you find giant snails?

On a giant's fingers and toes!

Link Words



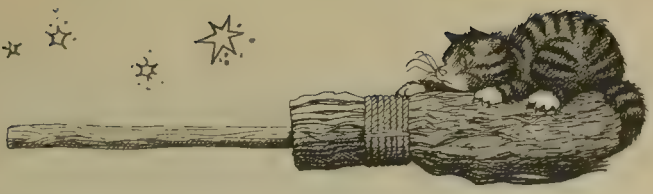
Mildred, Maud and Enid love doing link words. Why not have a go yourself? Here's one that they've already worked out:

LEAP → **FROG** → SPAWN

1 TABBY _ _ _ NAP

2 SPELL _ _ _ _ WORM

3 BACK _ _ _ _ _ FRIGHT



4 MAGIC _ _ _ _ _ BOUND

5 MOON _ _ _ _ _ SWITCH

6 BROOM _ _ _ _ _ INSECT

7 SPORTS _ _ _ TRIP

8 BOTTLE _ _ _ HAT

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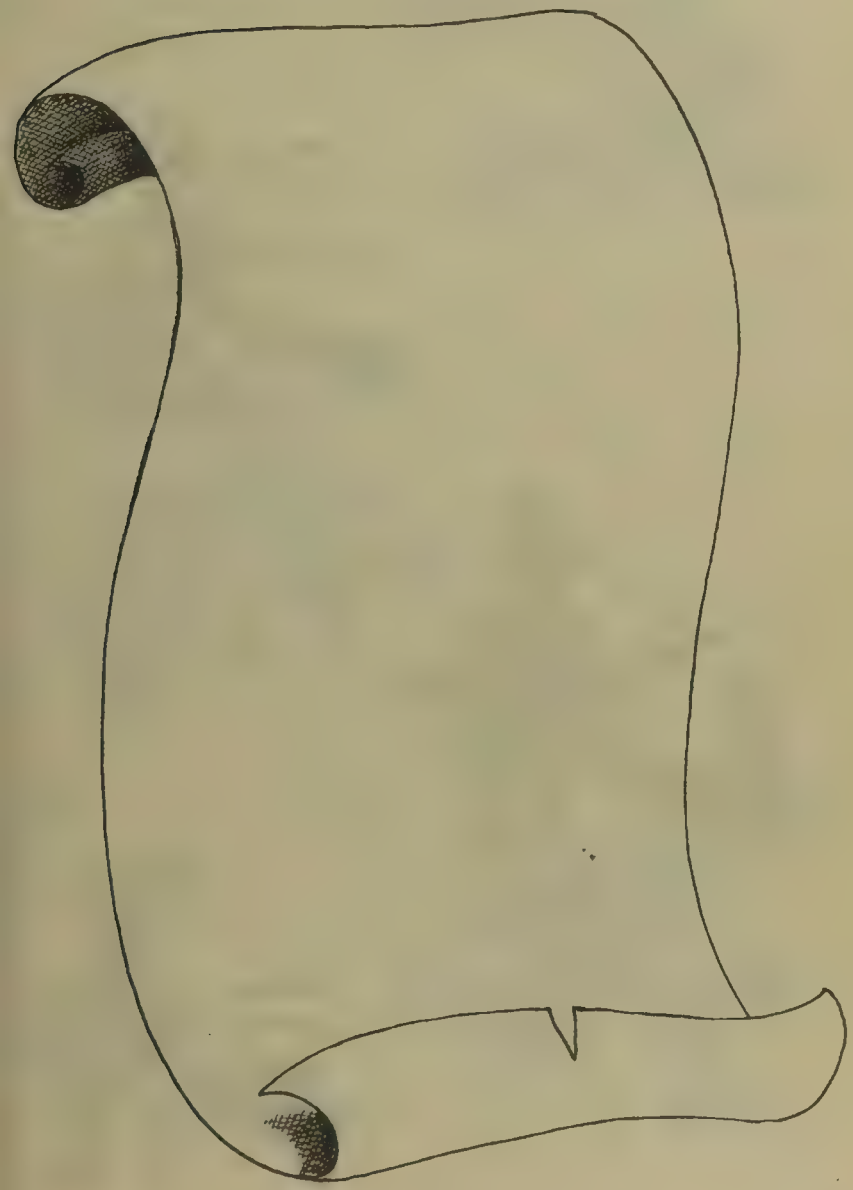
Chanting

All the pupils at Miss Cackle's Academy have to learn how to chant.

Here is the first verse of 'Eye of Toad':

Eye of toad,
Ear of bat,
Leg of frog,
Tail of cat.
Drop them in,
Stir it up,
Pour it in a silver cup.

Have a go at making up a second verse and write it down here.



Silhouettes

Can you identify these silhouettes?
Write the name in the spaces provided.

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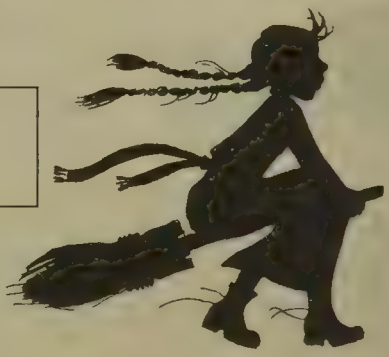

2

3

4

5

6

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Jill Murphy Says . . .

'The way I draw silhouettes is to draw an outline then fill it in with black – why don't you draw one, too?'

Missing Links

Each of these three words has a common word that goes after them. Mildred has worked out one, but is rather stuck on the rest. Can you help her?

FAIRY TALL TELL

EXAMPLE **TALE TALE TALE**

GUIDE HOT PUPPY

1

DAY NIGHT BREAK

2

POLAR TEDDY KOALA

3

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Book of Spells

Can you find the words hidden in Mildred's *Book of Spells*? Mildred has already found FROG. Can you help her find the rest? The words can be found in all directions, including diagonally.

CAULDRON	FROG	HALLOWEEN
INGREDIENT	PONDWEED	POTION
SNAIL	SPELL	WIZARD

P	O	N	D	W	E	E	D	I	W
L	C	E	S	O	R	F	O	N	I
F	A	E	T	R	O	S	V	G	Z
A	U	W	F	W	I	Z	A	R	D
N	L	O	F	K	M	P	S	E	F
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I	R	L	C	G	N	F	A	I	O
T	O	A	A	J	R	D	I	E	S
O	N	H	U	O	I	B	L	N	H
P	W	E	G	X	T	Q	R	T	A

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Ladders

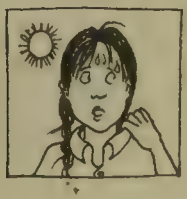
Starting with the word at the top of the ladder, change one letter at a time to get the word at the bottom of the ladder. Use the clues to help you!

CAT

— — —

— — —

— — —



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DOG

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Secret Spell

Know-it-all Ethel Hallow is always boasting that she's the best at everything. But even Ethel needs help to crack the code for the secret shrinking spell opposite.

A	B	C	D	E	F
G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X
Y	Z				

Using the picture clues for each letter,
mix together the ingredients below!

1

2

3

4

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Picture Crossword

Help Mildred to solve this puzzle by writing the word for each picture in the grid opposite.

Across

2 =

3 =

6 =

7 =

8 =

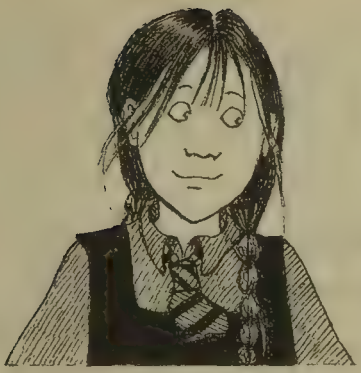
Down

1=

4 =

5 =

8 =



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Spell Check!

Can you help Mildred draw a circle round the correct spelling?

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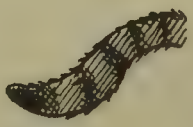
   TALE



2. SEA
   SEE

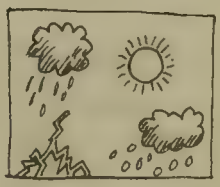
3. SHORE
   SURE

4. PAIL
   PALE

5 EWE
YOU

6 KNOT
NOT

7 WEATHER
WHETHER



8 REIN
RAIN

9 TOAD
TOED

10 PAW
POUR

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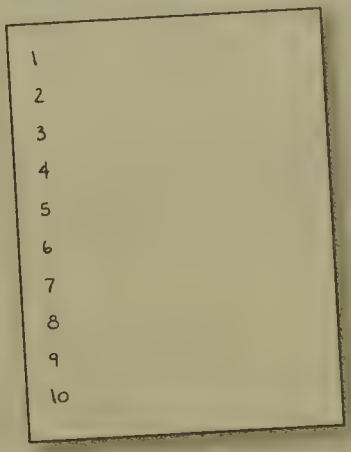
Memory Spells

Mildred needs to practise her memory skills for Miss Hardbroom's potion test.

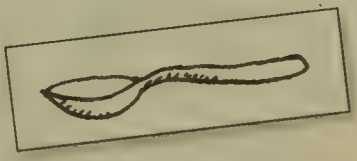
See how good your memory is with this memory game.

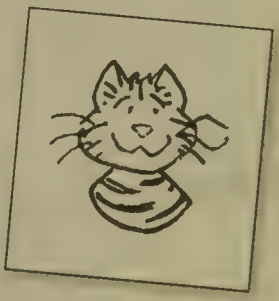
1. Get a piece of paper and write the numbers from one to ten down one side, like this:



2. Now look carefully at the pictures opposite for two minutes and try to memorize them. Then close the book and write down on your piece of paper the names of all the things you can remember.

Did you remember all ten things?

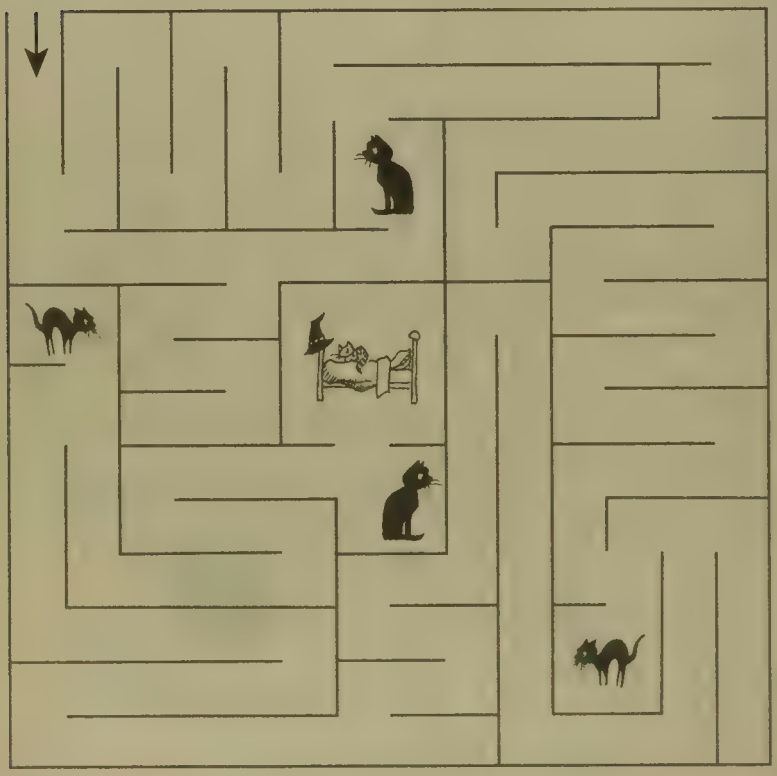




Keeping Tabs on Tabby!

Tabby hates flying on the back of Mildred's broomstick. He would much rather be asleep.

Can you help him to find a safe route back to Mildred's comfy bed without bumping into any other cats?



Frogs, Toads and Newts!

What do you give a sick frog?

A hoperation.

Have you met Tiny?

He's my newt!

What kind of shoes do frogs like?

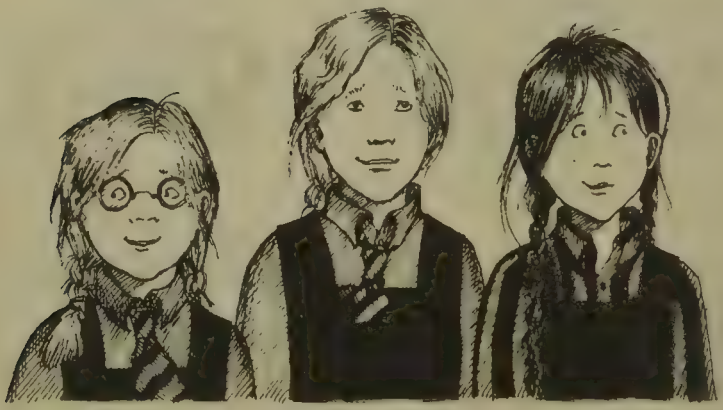
Open-toad sandals.

What is a frog's favourite drink?

Croak-a-Cola!

Tricky Test

Miss Hardbroom has set a rather difficult general knowledge test. Mildred, Maud and Enid need some help.



1 What does 'centipede' mean?

a 'many legs'
b 'hundred-footed'
c 'fifty-footed'
d 'smelly feet'

2 What is one hundred years called?

a A decade
b A millennium
c A century
d An era

3 **How many legs does a spider have?**

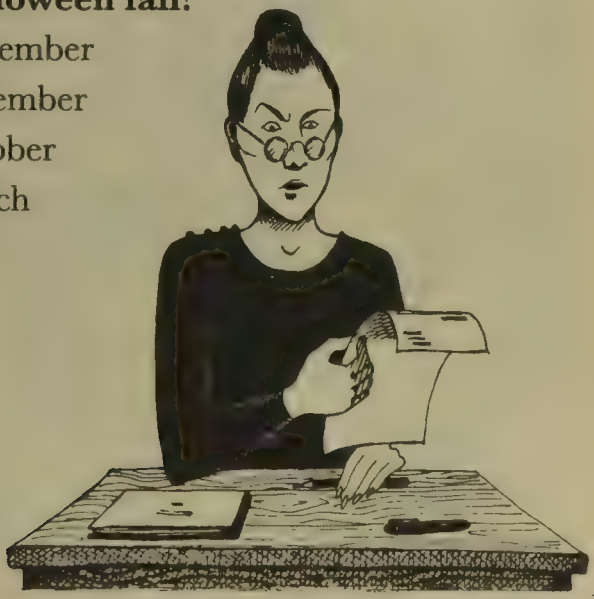
a Four
b Twelve
c Eight
d Ten

4 **Which animal is the odd one out?**

a Monkey
b Dog
c Cat
d Bird

5 **In which month of the year does Halloween fall?**

a September
b December
c October
d March



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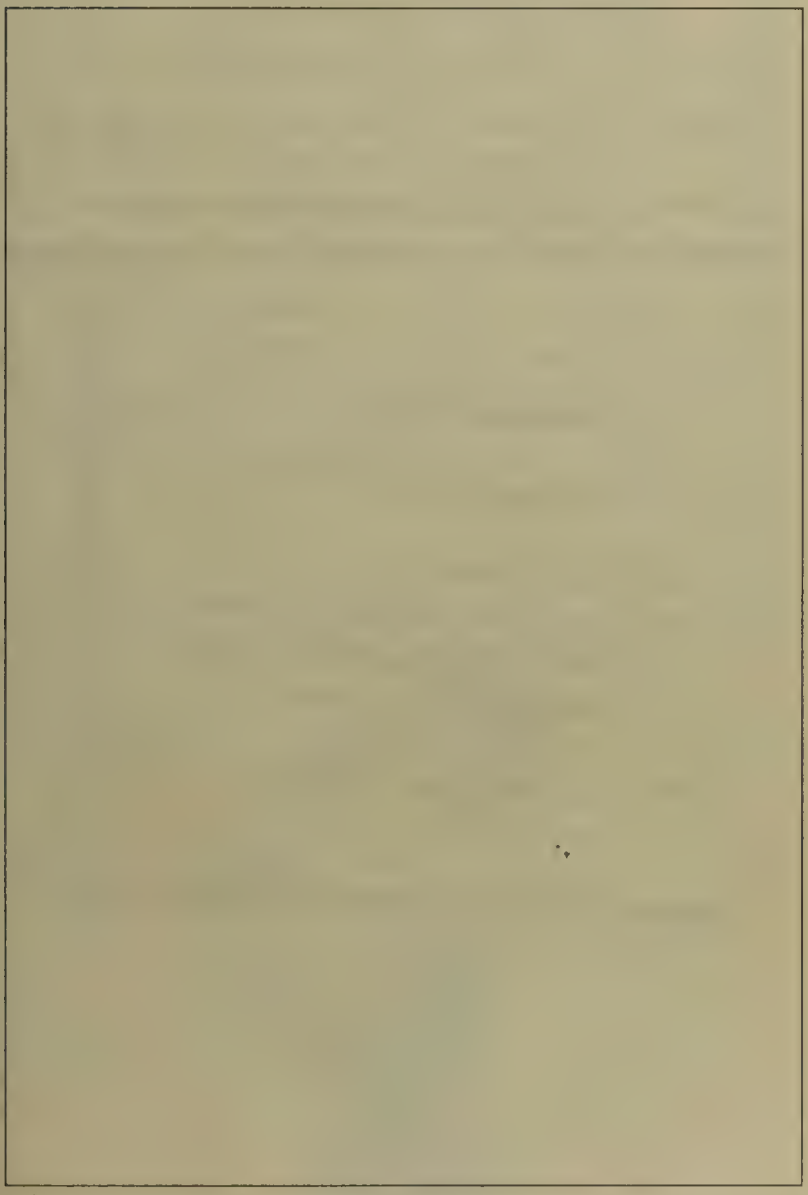
Design a New Swimming Costume!

Mr Rowan-Webb, the magician Mildred rescued from the school pond, has invited the whole of Mildred's form to spend an entire week at his home by the sea! The pupils are so excited, but their spirits sink when Miss Hardbroom shows them the old-fashioned swimming costumes they have to wear . . .

Mildred would be delighted if you'd design a more up-to-date swimming costume for their seaside holiday. Don't forget a swimming cap!



Lemonade

It is unexpectedly hot at Grim Cove by the sea and Mildred, Maud and Enid are feeling very thirsty.

Here is their recipe for refreshing lemonade.
Try making some for yourself and your friends.

You will need:

- ★ 200g caster sugar
- ★ 250ml water
- ★ 250ml freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 6 lemons)
- ★ 1 litre of water to dilute

1. Stir the sugar and 250ml of water together until the sugar has dissolved. Then stir in the lemon juice.

2. Pour this into a large jug and finally add the rest of the water.

3. Stir well.

4. Chill in the fridge and serve with some ice cubes.

Make a Match

Only two of these pictures are exactly alike. Which two are they?

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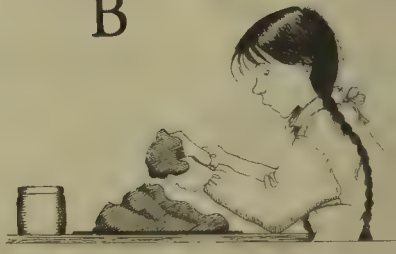
B



C

D

E

F

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Mixed-up Sayings

Mildred often gets her spells mixed up, with some disastrous results!

She also needs some help with these sayings. Can you draw a line to the correct picture to complete the saying?

1. **As quiet as a**
2. **As blind as a**
3. **As slow as a**
4. **As busy as a**
5. **As wise as an**
6. **As fat as a**
7. **As slippery as an**
8. **As cold as a**

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Chocolate Bats

Every night Mildred's bat friends fly home to roost in her bedroom! Now you can make your very own bat buddies!

You will need:

- ★ Chocolate mini rolls
- ★ Black and white fondant icing
- ★ Icing sugar

1. Draw a bat-wing stencil on a piece of paper and cut it out.

2. Roll out the black fondant icing.

3. Place your stencil over the black fondant icing and with a butter knife cut out several pairs of black wings.

4. Make your 'glue' using a little icing sugar and water and stick the wings around the mini rolls.

5. Roll up some small balls of the white icing to make the bats eyes and complete with a smaller black ball placed in the middle.

6. Use your icing sugar glue to stick the eyes on to the rolls.

You can give your bats different accessories – why not try a bow tie, a hat or even their very own broomstick!

A Worst Witch Quiz

How much do you know about the Worst Witch? Test your knowledge here.

1 What is the name of Mildred's school?

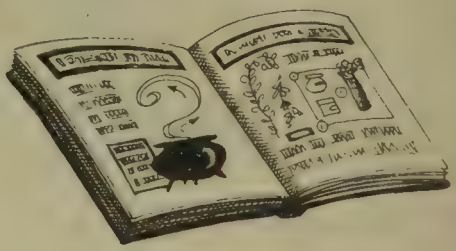
a Miss Cackle's Academy for Wizards
b Miss Hardbroom's School of Sorcery
c Miss Drill's Training School
d Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches

2 What does every pupil at school receive at the end of their first year?

a A book of potions
b *How to Train Your Cat* manual
c A certificate
d *The Popular Book of Spells*

3 How many terms are in a school year at Miss Cackle's Academy?

a Two
b Three
c Four
d Five



4 **Why is Mildred given a tabby cat, instead of a black one?**

a Because Miss Cackle had run out of black ones
b Because tabby cats are cute
c Because Mildred asked for one
d Because Mildred had lost her black kitten

5 **What is Mildred most afraid of?**

a Flying
b Bats
c The dark
d Swimming

6 **What is the picture on the school badge?**

a A tabby cat on a broomstick
b A silver moon and a gold star
c A black cat sitting on a yellow moon
d A shooting star

7 **Why does Ethel turn Mildred into a frog?**

a Because she hates Mildred
b Because Mildred asked her to
c She didn't mean to – it was a mistake
d Because she wanted to get her own back for when Mildred turned her into a pig

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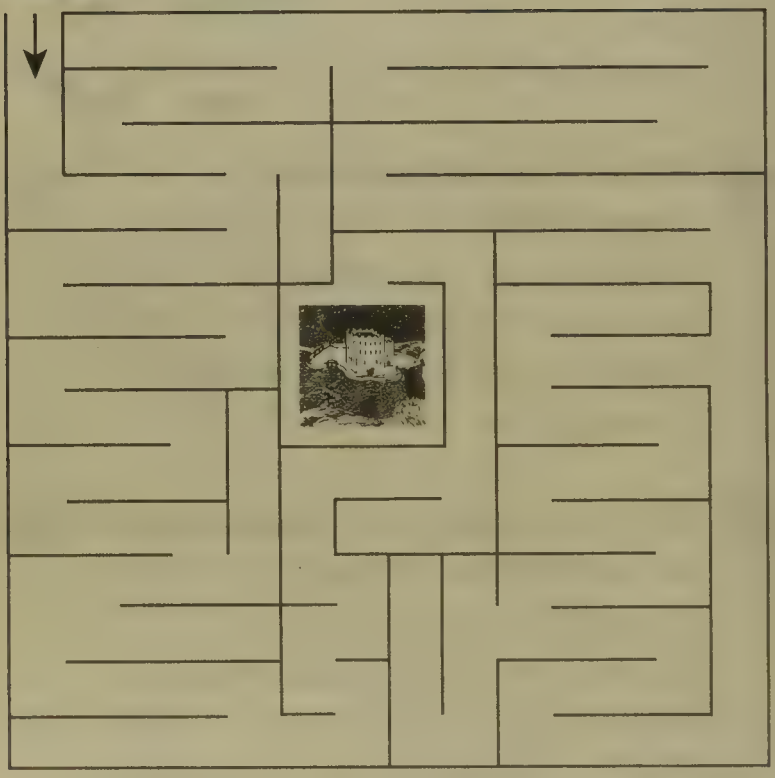
Summer Holiday

Help Mildred find her way to Grim Cove for a holiday.



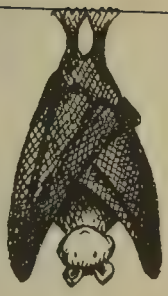
Invisible

Mildred and Maud have made an invisibility potion by mistake!

Can you fill in the rest of their bodies and make them reappear? (Don't forget to finish Mildred's plaits and Maud's bunches!)

Did You Know . . . ?

1. A cat has about 20 muscles in each ear.
2. A cat uses its whiskers to check whether a space is too small for it to fit through.
3. Cooked mice were once used to treat whooping cough, small pox and measles. They were either roasted or fried. But if you had chicken pox, then the cure was to drink a soup made from mouse tails.
4. Garlic was said to cure headaches (and keep vampires away!).
5. A snail can sleep for three years!



6 Bats are nocturnal which means they are active at night and spend the day sleeping. They also hang upside down when they sleep.

7 Even when a snake has its eyes closed, it can still see through its eyelids.

8 Cobwebs were once used to stop wounds bleeding. And they were used to wrap sprained wrists or ankles!

9 Frogs never close their eyes, even when they're sleeping!

10 Frogs drink through their skin!

Number Code

Can you work out this code to help name the picture opposite?

A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6
G 7	H 8	I 9	J 10	K 11	L 12
M 13	N 14	O 15	P 16	Q 17	R 18
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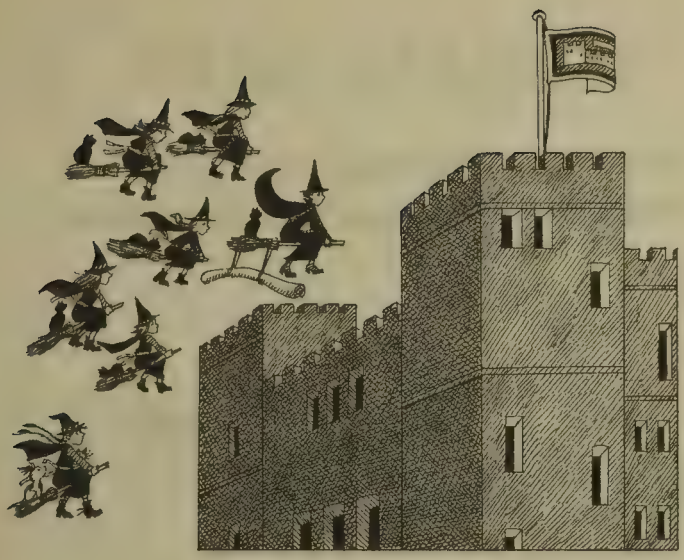

20 8 5

19 21 16 18 5 13 5

13 1 7 9 3 9 1 14 19

3 1 19 20 12 5

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Hold On Tight!

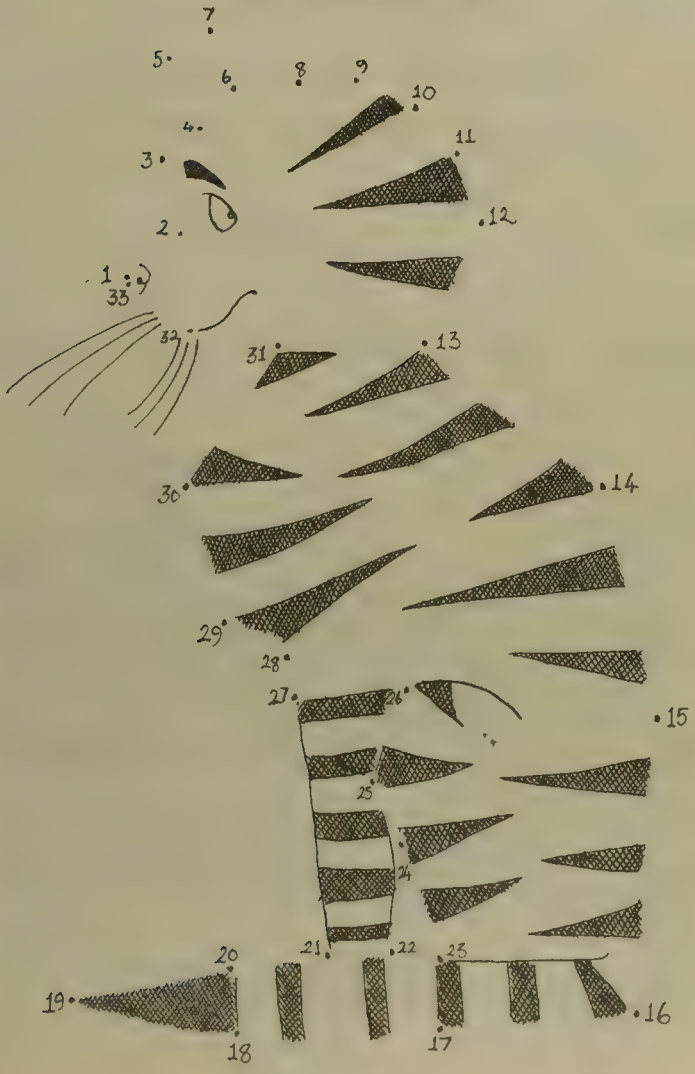
Have fun colouring in this picture of Mildred as she practises her flying!

JILL MURPHY SAYS...

'When you colour in the stripes on Mildred's swimming costume, make sure you start at one end and finish at the other.'

Dot-to-Dot

Whose stripes are these?
Starting at number 1, join the dots to find out!



Spell Words

Mildred has discovered that there are some interesting words beginning with the first three letters of her name.

Can you fill in the rest of the letters to complete the words?

MIL __	A creamy drink
MIL __	A place where grain is turned into flour
MIL __	A long distance
MIL __ __ __	Birds like to eat this seed
MIL __ __ __	A mouldy green substance
MIL __ __ __ __	A huge number
MIL __ __ __ __	The Worst Witch!

Here are some words beginning with CAT.

Can you fill in the rest of the letters to complete the words?

CAT _ _ _ A short sleep

CAT _ _ _ _ Cats love the smell of this plant

CAT _ _ _ _ _ A tool for flinging stones

CAT _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

A total disaster – a bit like Mildred!

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Summer Wordsearch

Find the words hidden in Mildred's holiday scrapbook. Mildred has already found BEACH. The words can be found in all directions, including diagonally.

BEACH
BOATS
BREEZE
CLIFFS
GAMES
HOLIDAY
PEBBLES
SEAGULLS
SWIMMING
WAVES

S	B	W	A	V	E	S	F	J	J
E	F	R	A	Q	P	Q	S	S	L
A	H	C	E	I	Q	E	B	W	H
G	R	O	Q	E	L	R	E	I	I
U	E	H	L	B	Z	L	A	M	G
L	C	X	B	I	R	E	C	M	J
L	R	E	V	L	D	X	H	I	K
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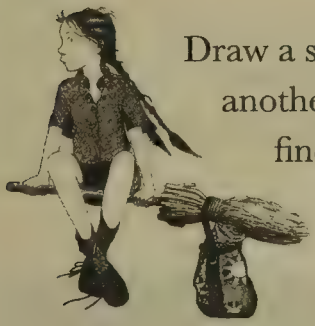
Hide and Seek



Draw a straight line from one circle to another to spell something that Mildred finds at the seaside in *The Worst Witch All At Sea.*

_ _ _ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _

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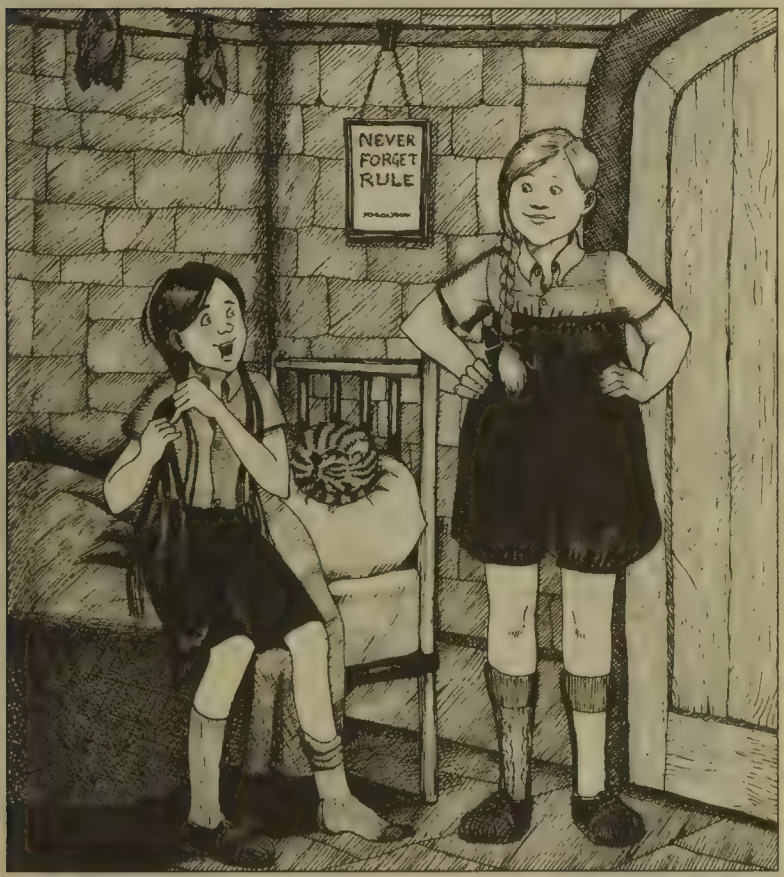
Spot the Difference

Maud and Mildred
are getting ready for Sports Day.

Can you spot **eight differences**
between these two pictures?
Draw a circle round the changes.



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Help!

Mildred is going to see Miss Cackle in her office but evil Miss Granite is on the prowl. Which route should Mildred take to avoid her?

A B C

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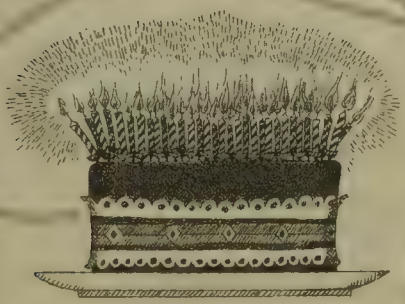
Whose Birthday Is It?

Who is the owner of this birthday cake?
You can find out by following the right line!

Maud

Mildred



Miss Hardbroom

Ethel

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Chocolate Cornflake Crispies

Mildred has made these delicious chocolate crispies for Maud and Enid – and some extra ones for Miss Cackle!

'Oooo, don't mind if I do!'

Why not make them as a special treat for your friends!

You will need:

- ★ A large mixing bowl and wooden spoon
- ★ 12 paper bun cases
- ★ A baking tray
- ★ 225g bar of chocolate
- ★ 85g of cornflakes

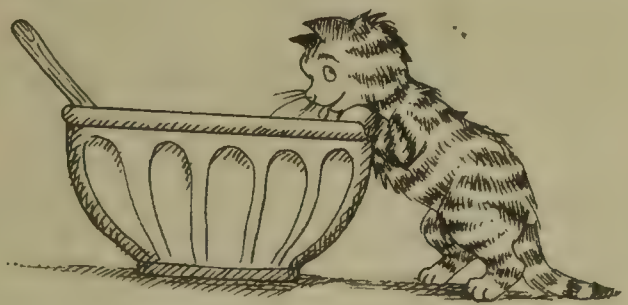
1. (Ask a grown-up to help you with this bit.) Melt the chocolate by stirring it round in a large mixing bowl over a saucepan of very gently boiling water.

2. When it is all melted and smooth, carefully take the bowl off of the saucepan.

3. Stir in the cornflakes until they are all covered in the chocolate.

4. Spoon the mixture into the bun cases and put them on the baking tray.

5. Leave to cool for a bit, then pop them into the fridge until the chocolate sets hard.



Memory Game

Have a good look at Grid A for one minute, then cover it up and try to put each object back in exactly the same square on Grid B.

GRID A

Draw a line from each object to the square on Grid B where you think it belongs.

GRID B

Spot the Difference

Mildred has been summoned to Miss Cackle's office again!

Can you find **eight differences**
between these two pictures in Miss Cackle's office?
Draw a circle round the changes.

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Answers

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S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	S	H
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O	A	U	E	E	N	G	O	R	C
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T	R	I	H	S	N	S	C	A	S

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WHO'S WHO AT MISS CACKLE'S ACADEMY
1) d 2) b 3) a 4) b 5) d 6) c 7) b

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O	N	H	U	O	I	B	L	N	H
P	W	E	G	X	T	Q	R	T	A

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CAT
BAT
HAT
HOT
DOT
DOG

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PONDWEED DEWDROPS COBWEBS WHISKERS

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Across	Down
2 = snail	1 = cauldron
3 = owl	2 = witch
6 = lantern	3 = flame
7 = hat	8 = eye
8 = Ethel	

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1. Tail 2. Sea 3. Shore 4. Pail 5. Ewe 6. Knot 7. Weather 8. Rain 9. Toad 10. Paw

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1) b 2) c 3) c 4) d – the others are mammals 5) c

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A and D

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MILK MILL MILE MILLET
MILDEW MILLION MILDRED

CATNAP CATMINT
CATAPULT CATASTROPHE

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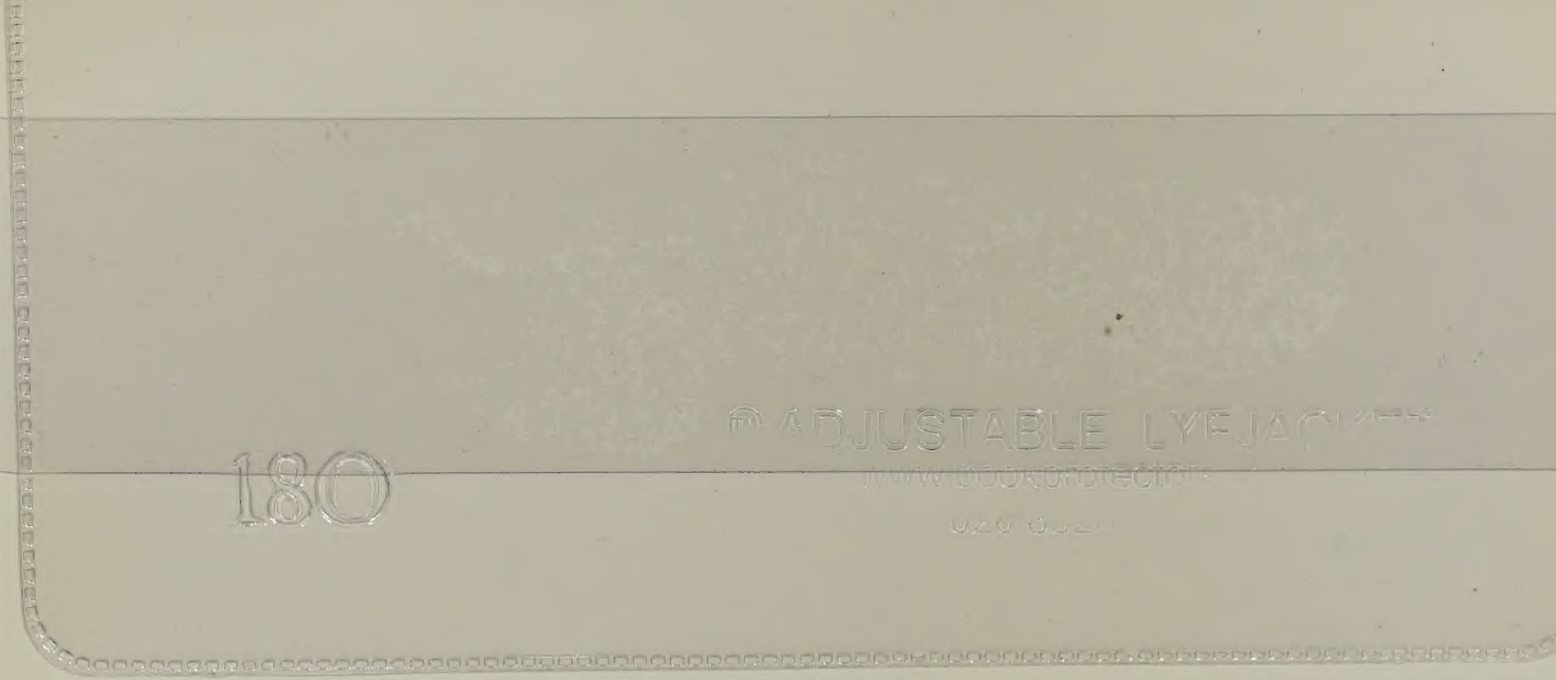
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